

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,499.

5 In response, Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), showing that U.S. Patent No. 6,683,499 and the subject patent application are commonly owned.

 Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants have overcome Examiner's rejection of Claim 1, so that it is allowable. In addition,
10 Applicants have amended Claim 1 to remove any possible indefiniteness. For instance, "operating" has been inserted between "selected" and "frequency" in step "c".

 Applicants have added new dependent Claims 2-25, all of which are dependent upon Claim 1, either directly or indirectly.

15 With regard to new dependent Claim 2: Applicants respectfully submit that the recited limitation ("making two capacitors function as parallel-connected capacitors") is unique, except as taught in Lautzenhiser '499, in that the cited art: 1) does not even hint of any problem in rf decoupling; 2) does not even mention capacitors having an rf ESR; and 3) does not teach paralleling
20 capacitors to lower an rf ESR.

 With regard to new dependent Claims 3-25 (which correspond to Claims 6-10, 12, 13, 15-28, 30, and 31 of Lautzenhiser '499), Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable by virtue of dependency upon an allowable claim (Claim 1), in view of their respective recitations taken
25 together with the recitations of Claim 1, and for reasons set forth in Applicants' prosecution of Lautzenhiser '499.

 Applicants appreciate the fact that Examiner has ruled Claim 1 to be allowable, except for his double-patenting rejection.

 Further, Applicants have reviewed the art that Examiner mailed with his
30 Official Office Action. Applicants agree with Examiner's decision not to cite any of these patents against the subject patent application.

 Applicants respectfully request admission of new Claims 2-25, seeing that, except for dependent Claim 2, Examiner has previously (in Lautzenhiser

'499) examined and allowed claims that are substantially identical. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that admission of new Claims 2-25 will not place an undue burden on Examiner.

5 In view of the above-submitted arguments, and the Terminal Disclaimer that is enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all of the claims in the subject patent application, namely Claims 1-25.

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Enclosures:

Transmittal, PTO/SB/21
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